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"or assembled". That bill was passed a year ago by the help of my predecessor, Senator Whitney, explicitly for sugar beet growers in the Western part of Nebraska. If you'll read that it's on 1265 of the Journal. It says that it's necessary because of an emergency or unusual circumstance, or a very special situation to operate vehicles loaded up to 25 percent. What it's saying is that it does give them 25 percent more for maximum weight. His amendment gives them 10 percent longer in width . . . in length which is fine. The part that I'm objecting to is "or assembled". Now the reason why the Department of Roads went along last year with that amendment and with that bill and they knew that the farmers needed it on the sugar beets, the people in the weight division scales were giving these farmers problems. They said well these roads were frozen anyway, it isn't going to hurt these roads at this time of the year to be driving a truck overloaded. So they said that's find. Let's go ahead with it. The problem with the words "or assembled" means . . . if you go on further down the amendment, that that commodity or commodities, it doesn't have to be just sugar beets, could be assembled for delivery in the Spring. This is the concern that those roads could be subjected to a 25 percent weight increase in the Spring months of the year. I ask the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills, are we going to have two debates on the motion to return and the amendment itself?

SENATOR MILLS: I move that we return the amendment . . .

PRESIDENT: Alright, but you have debated the specific amendment.

SENATOR MILLS: I'm sorry, I just . . .

PRESIDENT: That's alright, just so long as everybody understands it. We're going to debate the amendment, even though it's just the motion to return. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Well, Mr. Chairman, are you going to allow . . . are we going to be able to debate the motion in order to bring it back?

PRESIDENT: Well, we're into it already so I think we ought to debate it all now. It's either up or down both ways.

SENATOR KREMER: Well then, Mr. Chairman, I think I'm going to have to oppose the Mills amendment for this reason, if you'll note Senator Mills on line 14 we're talking about the movement of farm equipment in the normal course of farm operations. Now what we're heading for, this is late in the month of April already. You're going to see many many of the farmers in the field after . . . 30 minutes after sundown. They can't even take this equipment home if your amendment succeeds. Farm operators have been doing this . . . we interpret this bill the way its . . . not the bill, but the statute as it's now written that any farm operator moving a piece